

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Inge G. Thulin

Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

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St. Paul, MN 55144

Dear Mr. Thulin:

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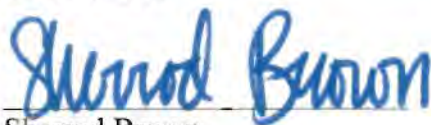
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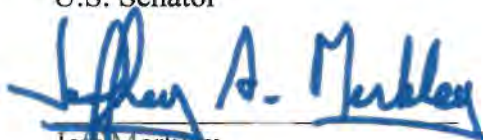
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Ajita G. Rajendra
Chairman, President & CEO
A.O. Smith Corporation
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Dear Ms. Rajendra:

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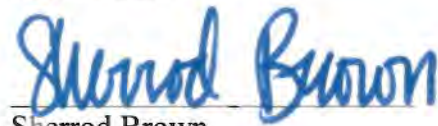
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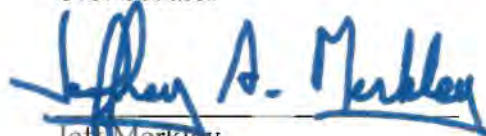
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Miles D. White
Chief Executive Officer
Abbott Laboratories
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Abbott Park, IL 60064

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Although Abbott Laboratories holds a seat on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s (U.S. Chamber or “the chamber”) Board of Directors, “the principal governing and policymaking body of the U.S. Chamber ... [that] determines the U.S. Chamber’s policy positions on business issues and advise[s] the U.S. Chamber on appropriate strategies to pursue,”² the U.S. Chamber’s work on behalf of tobacco companies does not appear to serve the interests of American business in general or your company in particular. Earlier this week, CVS Health, resigned from the Chamber, noting the company’s “surprise” at the group’s pro-tobacco lobbying.³

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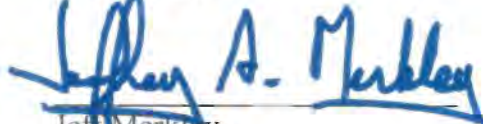
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John Venhuizen
President & CEO
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Oak Brook, IL 60523

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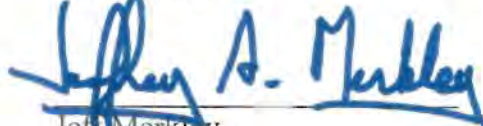
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Alexander R. Wynaendts
CEO and Chairman
AEGON N.V.
P.O. Box 85,
The Hague, Netherlands 0

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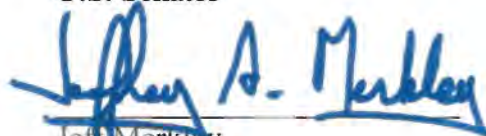
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Duluth, GA 30096

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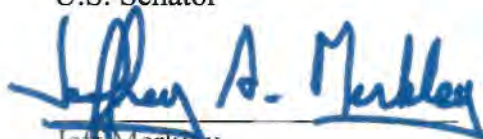
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July 8, 2015

John W. Somerhalder
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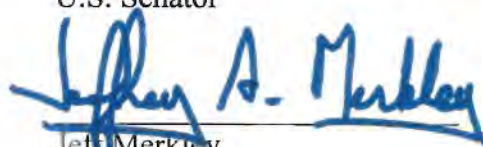
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July 8, 2015

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Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.
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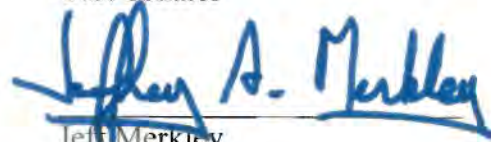
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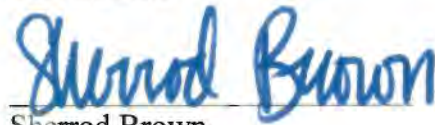
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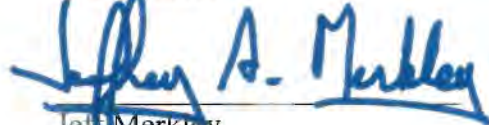
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July 8, 2015

Fred Kaiser
Chairman & CEO
Alpha Technologies, Inc.
3767 Alpha Way
Bellingham, WA 98226

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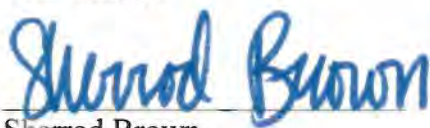
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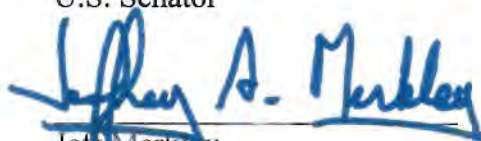
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Chairman, President & CEO
Altria Client Services
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Richmond, VA 23230

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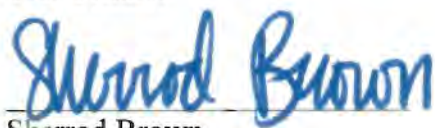
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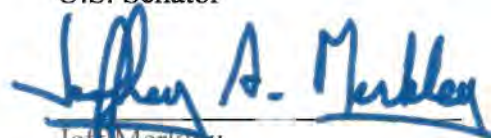
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July 8, 2015

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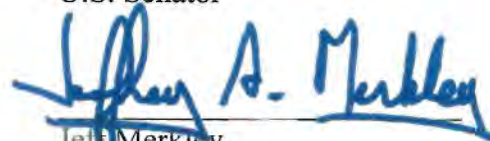
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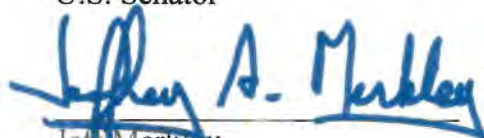
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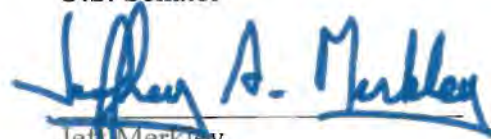
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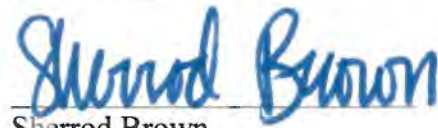
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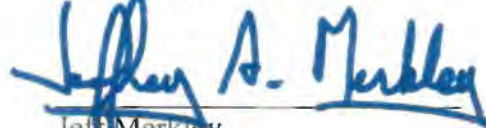
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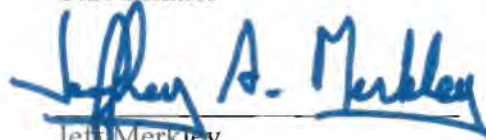
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July 8, 2015

Russell Becker
CEO and President
APi Group, Inc.
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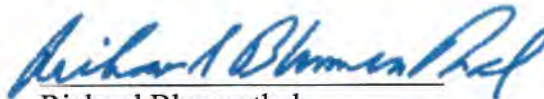
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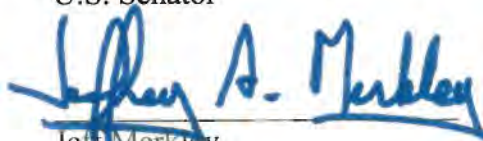
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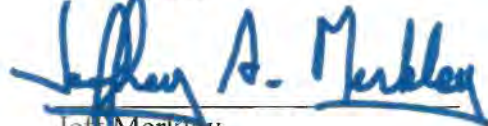
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July 8, 2015

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President
Associates International, Inc.
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Wilmington, DE 19801

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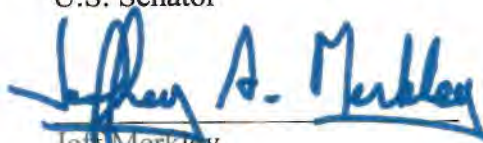
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July 8, 2015

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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Vienna, VA 22182

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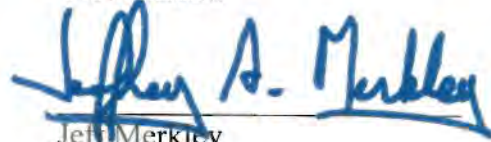
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Frederick Kempe
President & CEO
Atlantic Council
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Washington, DC 20005

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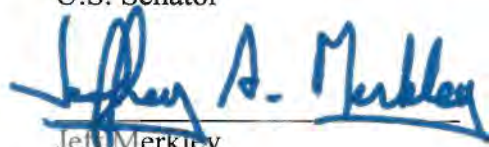
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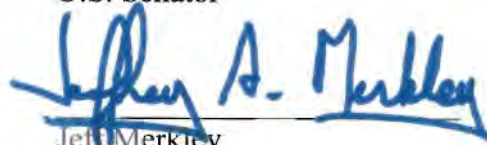
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July 8, 2015

John F. Biagas
President & CEO
Bay Electric Co., Inc.
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Newport News, VA 23607

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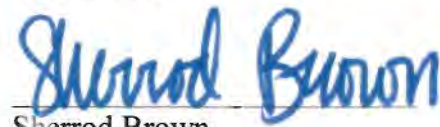
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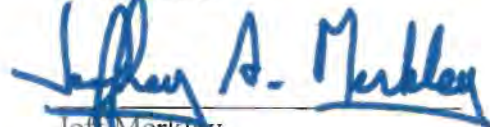
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July 8, 2015

David Emery
Chairman, President & CEO
Black Hills Corporation
625 Ninth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

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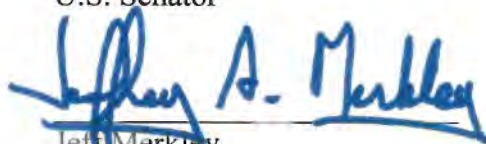
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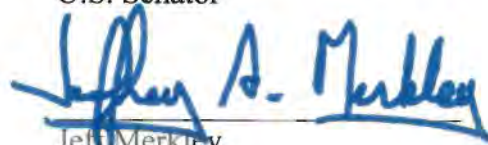
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William Downe
CEO
BMO Financial Group
111 W Monroe St.
Chicago, IL 60603

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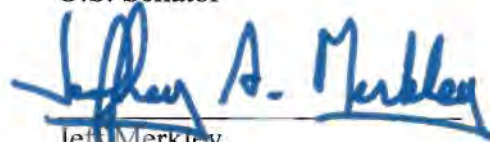
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July 8, 2015

Carl R. Ice
President and Chief Executive Officer
BNSF Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76131

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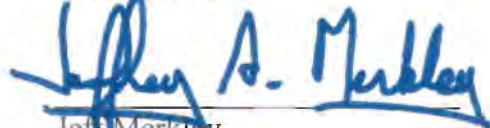
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July 8, 2015

Mark P. Frissora
President & CEO
Caesars Entertainment Corporation
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Las Vegas, NV 89109

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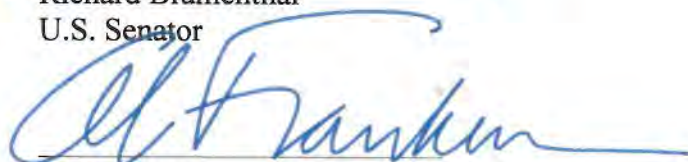
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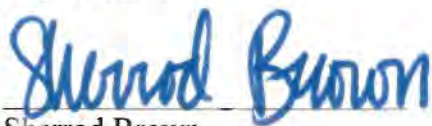
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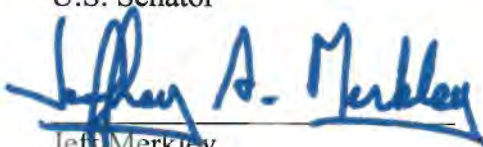
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Chairman & CEO
Caterpillar Inc.
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Peoria, IL 61630

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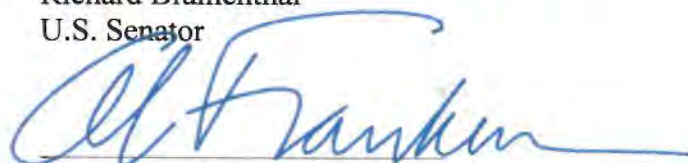
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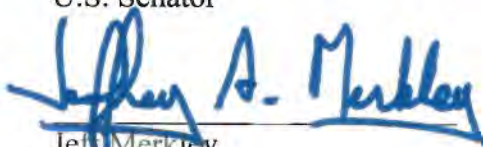
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July 8, 2015

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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86 Morris Avenue
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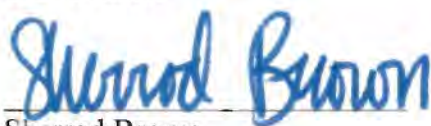
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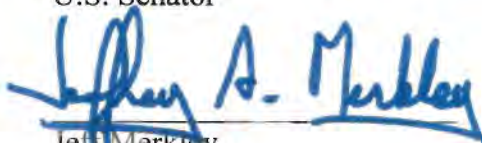
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Kim T. Rumph
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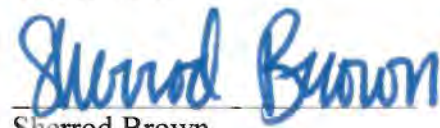
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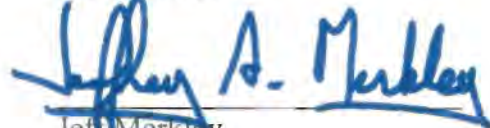
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1555 Coraopolis Heights Rd.
Moon Township, PA 15108

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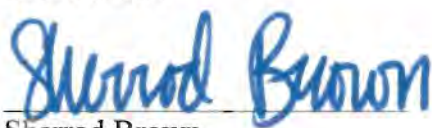
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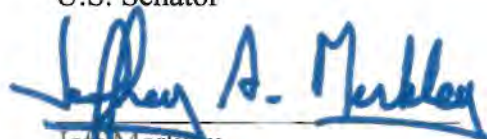
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July 8, 2015

Kenneth Griffin
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131 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60603

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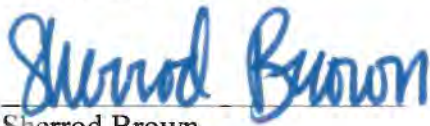
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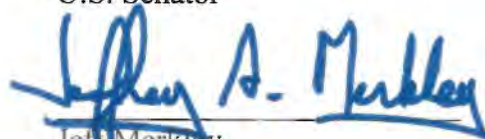
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Tchad Robinson
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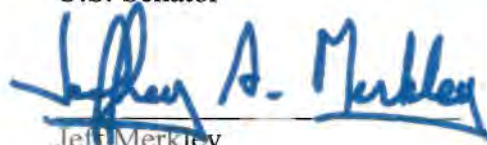
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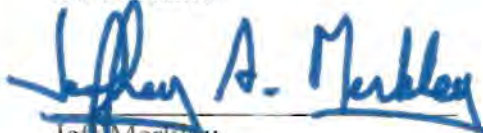
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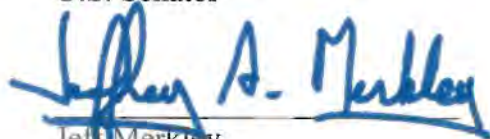
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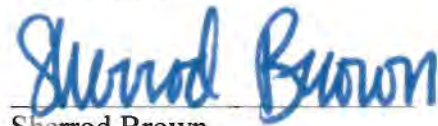
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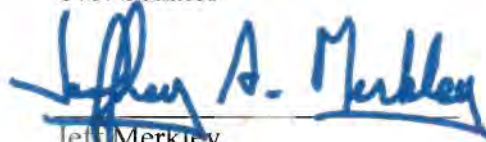
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July 8, 2015

Ryan M. Lance
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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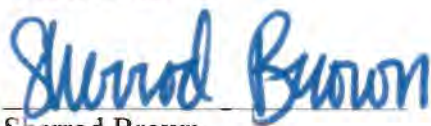
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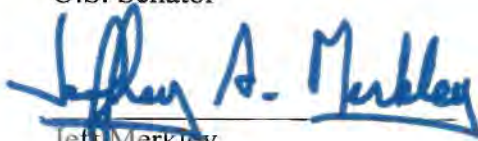
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July 8, 2015

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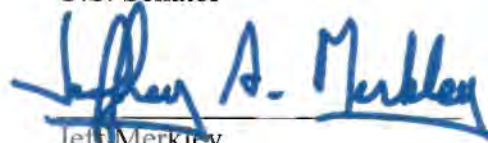
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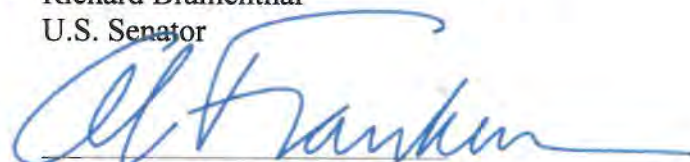
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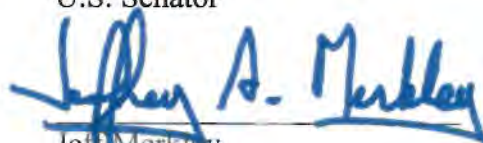
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Randy Quarles
Managing Director
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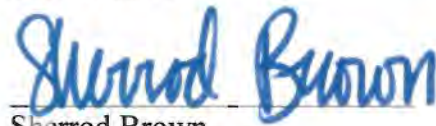
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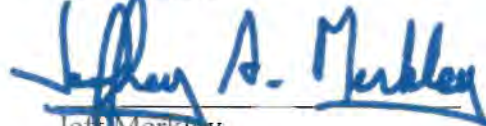
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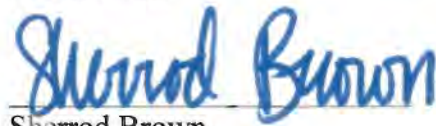
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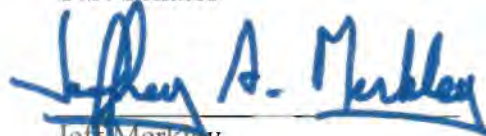
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July 8, 2015

Samuel R. Allen
CEO
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Moline, IL 61265

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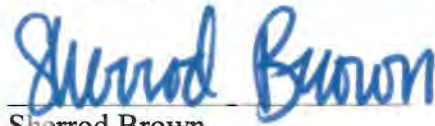
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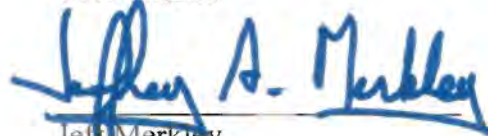
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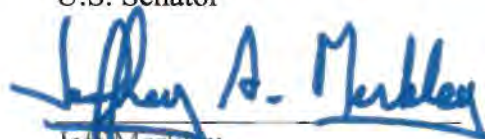
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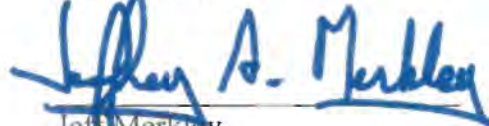
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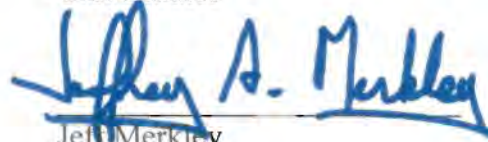
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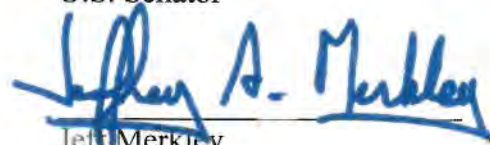
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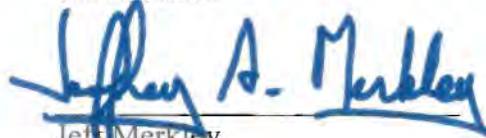
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July 8, 2015

Ernest Green Jr.
President & CEO
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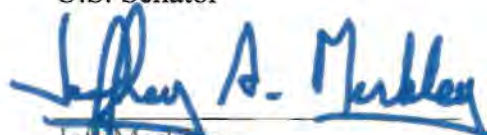
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July 8, 2015

James D. Weddle
Managing Partner
Edward Jones
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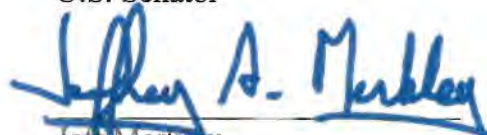
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July 8, 2015

Daniel J. Abdun-Nabi
President & CEO
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Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Dear Mr. Abdun-Nabi:

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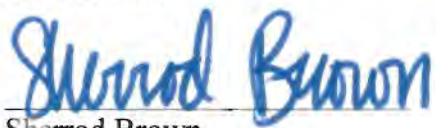
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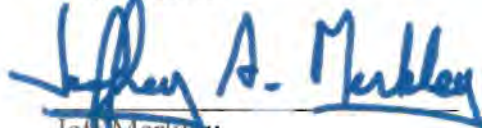
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July 8, 2015

David N. Farr
Chairman & CEO
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St. Louis, MO 63136

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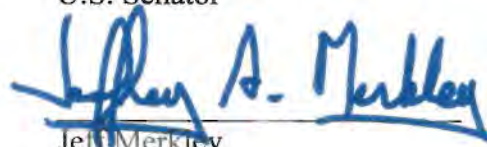
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July 8, 2015

Michael L. Ducker
President & CEO
FedEx Freight
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Memphis, TN 38120

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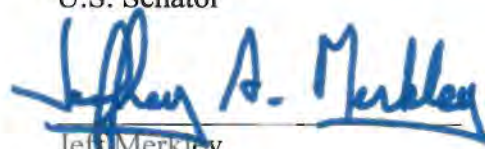
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July 8, 2015

Eric Silagy
President and CEO
Florida Power & Light Company
11760 U.S. 1
North Palm Beach, FL 33408

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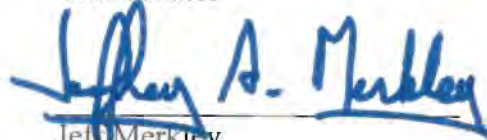
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July 8, 2015

David T. Seaton
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Fluor Corporation
6700 Las Colinas Blvd
Irving, TX 75039

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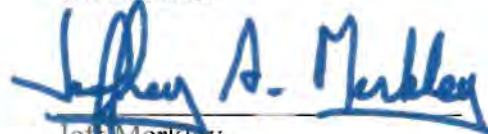
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FORD Motor Company
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Dearborn, MI 48126

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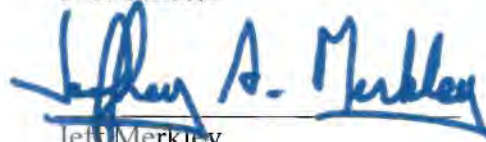
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July 8, 2015

Brian O'Hara
Chairman
Front Street Advisors Ltd.
Bermuda

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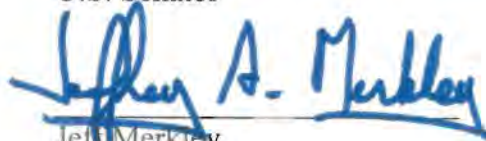
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July 8, 2015

Chad Christy
President & Owner
Great Western Lodging
322 N. Main Street P.O. Box: 3355
Breckenridge, CO 80424

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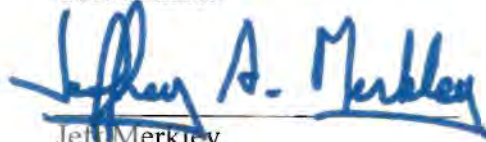
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July 8, 2015

Harold Turner, Jr.
President and CEO
The H.L. Turner Group Inc.
27 Locke Rd
Concord, NH 3301

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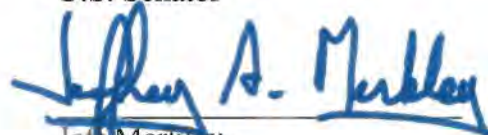
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July 8, 2015

Patricia A. Hemingway Hall
President and Chief Executive Officer
Health Care Service Corporation
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Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Ms. Hemingway Hall:

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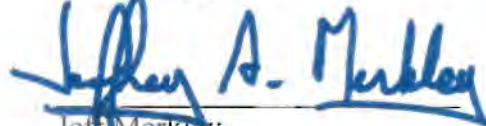
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July 8, 2015

Ginni Rometty
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
IBM
1 New Orchard Road
Armonk, NY 10504

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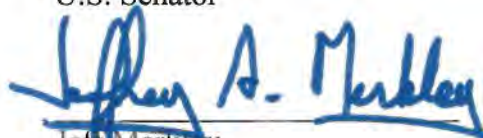
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July 8, 2015

Daniel F. Evans, Jr.
President & CEO
Indiana University Health
550 N. University Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46202

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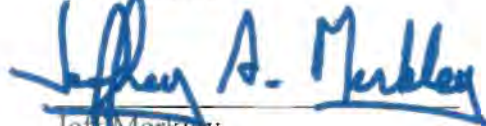
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July 8, 2015

William A. Franke
Co-Founder and Managing Partner
Indigo Partners LLC
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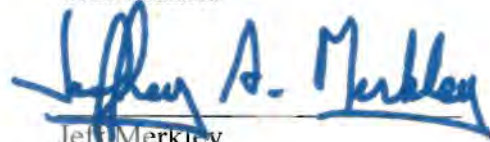
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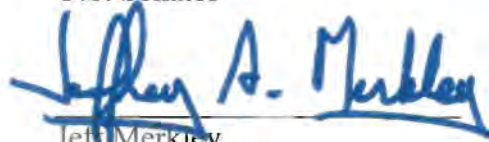
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July 8, 2015

Tom Wyatt
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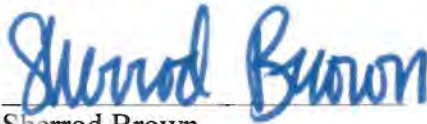
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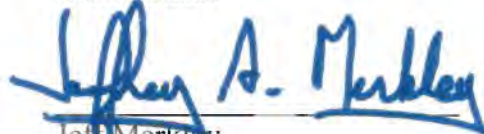
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July 8, 2015

Suzanne Sitherwood
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The Laclede Group
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St. Louis, MO 63101

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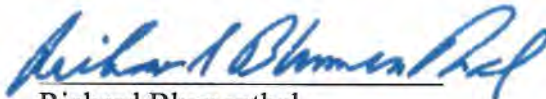
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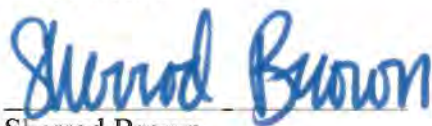
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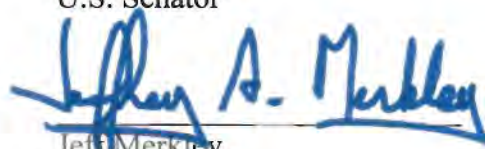
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July 8, 2015

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Las Vegas Sands Corporation
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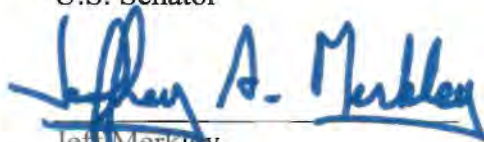
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July 8, 2015

Mark French
President & CEO
Leading Authorities, Inc.
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Washington, DC 20036

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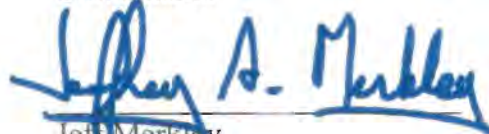
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Cary, NC 27511

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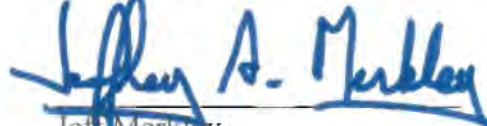
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July 8, 2015

Leroy Walker, Jr.
President and CEO
LTM Enterprises
P.O. Box 9445
Jackson, MS 39286

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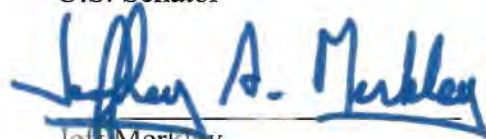
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July 8, 2015

Mick Truitt
Vice President of Sales
Ludlum Measurements, Inc
501 Oak Street POB 810
Sweetwater, TX 79556

Dear Mr. Truitt:

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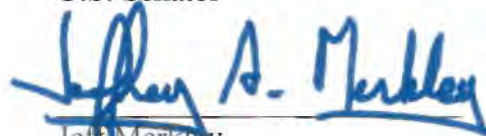
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July 8, 2015

Frank L. VanderSloot
Chief Executive Officer
Malaleuca, Inc.
3910 S Yellowstone Hwy
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Dear Mr. VanderSloot:

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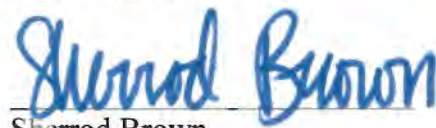
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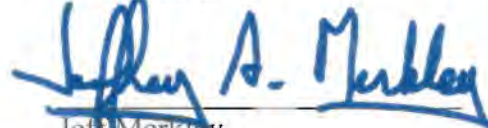
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July 8, 2015

Thomas D. Bell, Jr.
Chairman
Mesa Capital Partners, LLC
3399 Peachtree Road, NE Suite 1010
Atlanta, GA 30326

Dear Mr. Bell:

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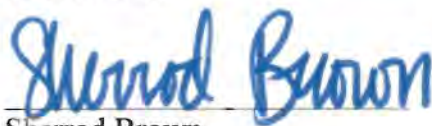
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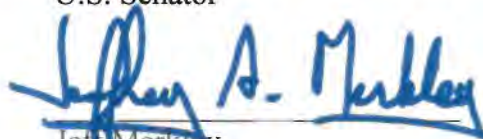
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July 8, 2015

Norman C. Chambers
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
NCI Building Systems, Inc.
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Houston, TX 77064

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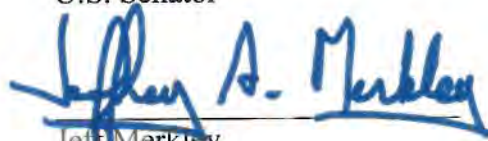
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July 8, 2015

James A. Squires
President & CEO
Norfolk Southern Corporation
3 Commercial Place
Norfolk, VA 23510

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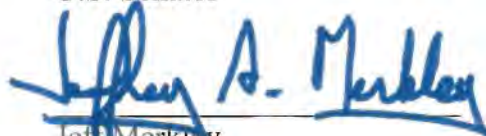
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Chairman & CEO
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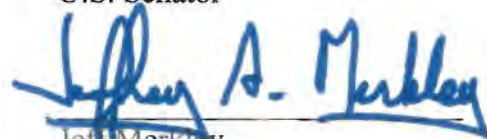
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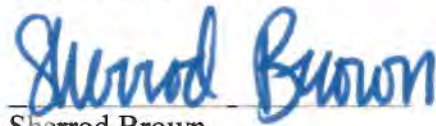
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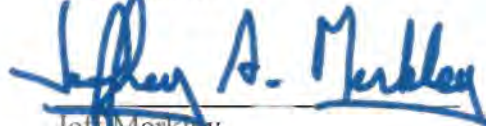
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Chairman
OneAmerica Financial Partners, Inc.
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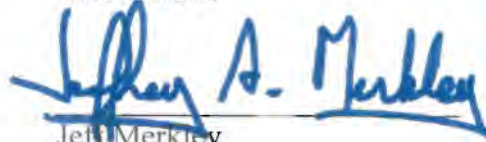
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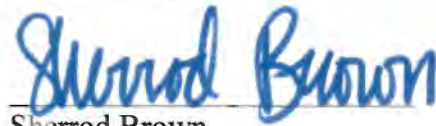
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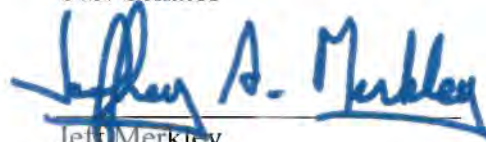
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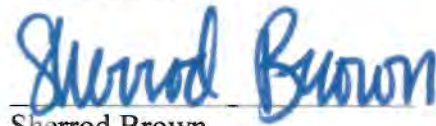
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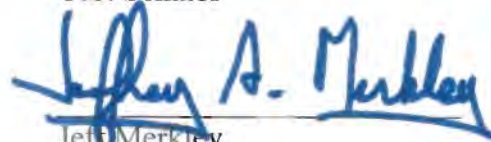
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July 8, 2015

Boland T. Jones
Founder, Chairman & CEO
PGi
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Atlanta, GA 30305

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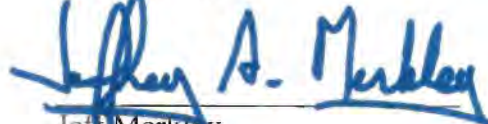
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July 8, 2015

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Chairman and CEO
Phillips 66
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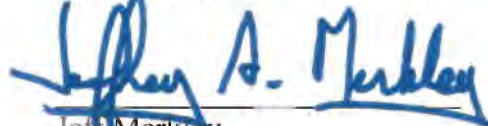
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July 8, 2015

Manuel Perez de la Mesa
President and CEO
Pool Corporation
109 Northpark Boulevard
Covington, LA 70433

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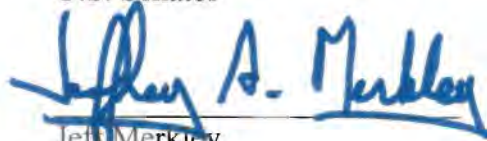
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July 8, 2015

William G. Little
President & CEO
Quam-Nichols Company
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Chicago, IL 60637

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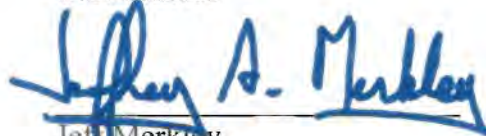
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July 8, 2015

John Ruan III
Chairman
Ruan Transportation Management Systems
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Des Moines, IA 50309

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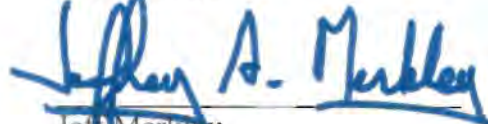
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July 8, 2015

Robert E. Sanchez
Chairman & CEO
Ryder System, Inc.
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Miami, FL 33178

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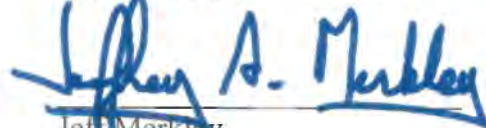
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July 8, 2015

Lane Beattie
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Salt Lake City, UT 84111

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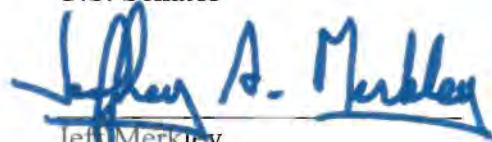
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July 8, 2015

Gregory Irace
President & CEO
Sanofi US Services Inc.
55 Corporate Drive
Bridgewater, NJ 8807

Dear Mr. Irace:

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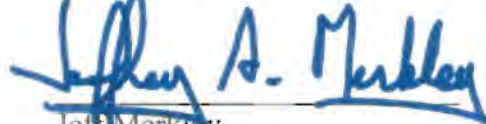
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July 8, 2015

Christopher B. Lofgren
President & CEO
Schneider National, Inc.
3101 S. Packerland Dr
Green Bay, WI 54313

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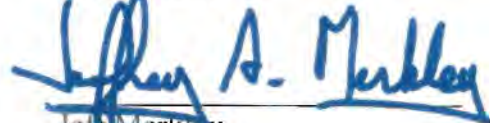
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July 8, 2015

Tamara L. Lundgren
President & CEO
Schnitzer Steel Industries
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New York, NY 10036

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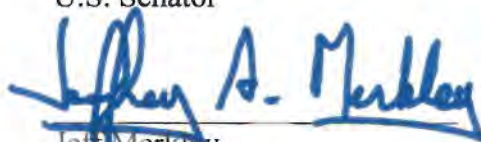
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July 8, 2015

Tony Bos
President
Select Milk Producers
320 West Hermosa drive
Aretesia, NM 88210

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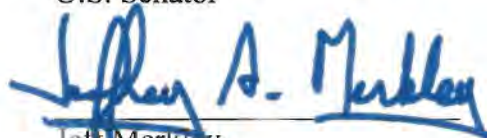
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July 8, 2015

Debra L. Reed
Chairman and CEO
Sempra Energy
101 Ash St.
San Diego, CA 92101

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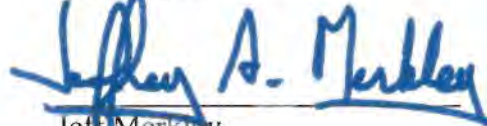
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President & CEO
Silgan Holdings Inc.
4 Landmark Square Suite 400
Stamford, CT 6901

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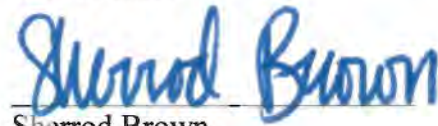
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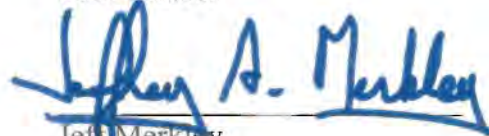
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July 8, 2015

Thomas A. Fanning
President and CEO
Southern Company
30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd. NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

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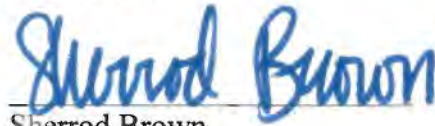
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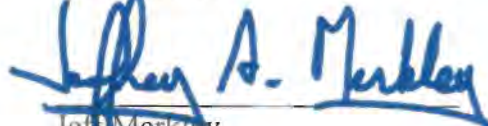
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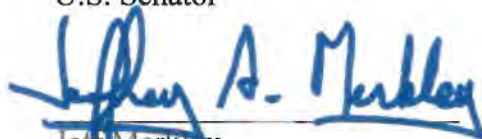
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State Farm Mutual
P.O. Box 219548
Kansas City, MO 64121

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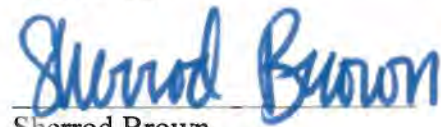
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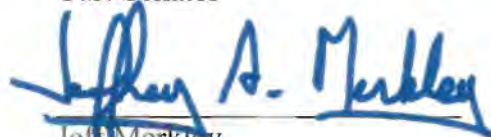
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July 8, 2015

Susan Brewer
Chief Executive Officer
Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
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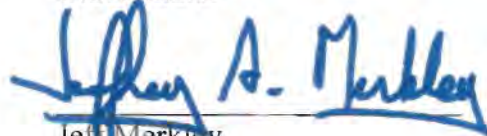
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July 8, 2015

Ralph de la Torre, MD
Chairman and CEO
Steward Health Care System LLC
500 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 2116

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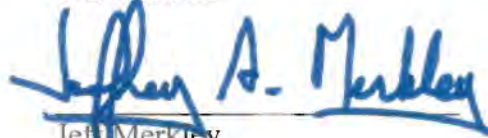
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Chris Winkle
CEO
Sunrise Senior Living
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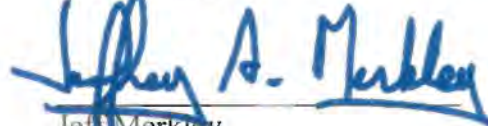
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July 8, 2015

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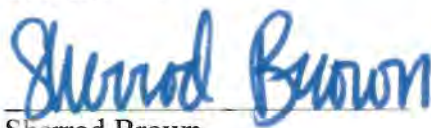
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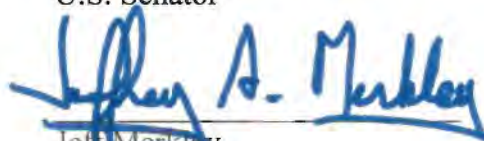
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Jay S. Fishman
CEO
Travelers Companies, Inc
385 Washington St
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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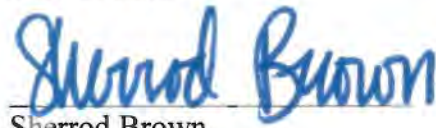
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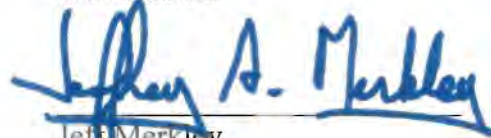
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July 8, 2015

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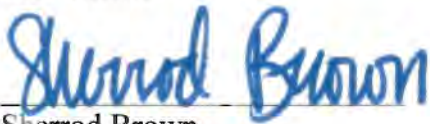
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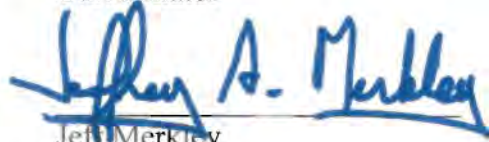
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July 8, 2015

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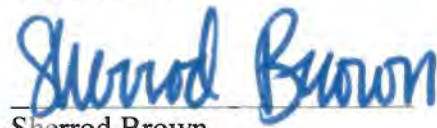
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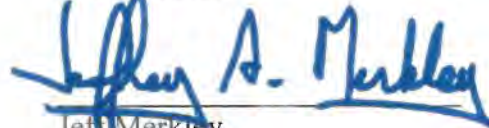
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Edgar L. Smith, Jr.
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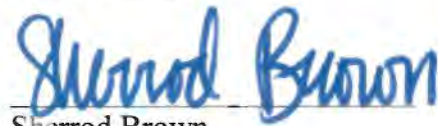
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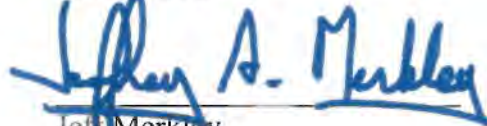
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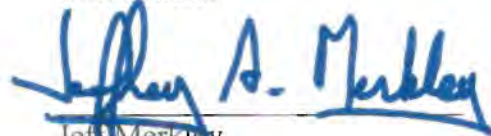
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Ursula Burns
Chairman & CEO
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Norwalk, CT 6856

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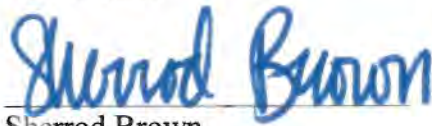
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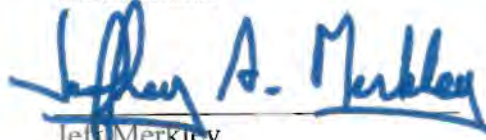
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